

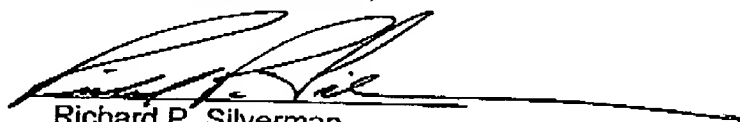
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REMARKS

Applicant has amended the Specification to correct an obvious typographical error which was not earlier noticed. In the formula for an alkylphenol-aldehyde resin, the reference numbers were reversed and alkoxy group is now properly represented as being bound to the aromatic ring through an oxygen atom and when p is 0, the amended structure properly corresponds to an alkyl phenol. As amended, the repeating structure is an aromatic ring having an alkyl group in a position para- to an alkoxy group. It is believed that no new matter is introduced by this amendment.

Correction of this obvious typographical error is respectfully requested.

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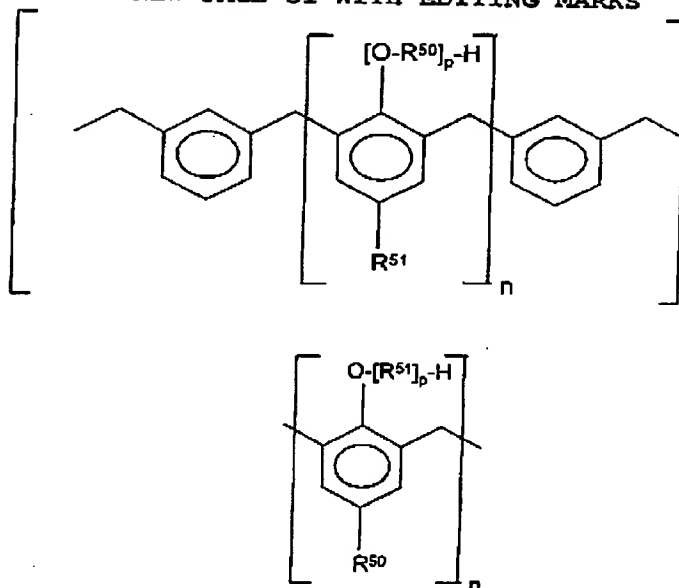
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in which R^{50} is C_4 - C_{50} -alkyl or -alkenyl, R^{51} is ethoxy and/or propoxy, n is a number from 5 to 100, and p is a number from 0 to 50.

[0095] Finally, in a further embodiment of the invention, the additives according to the invention are used together with comb polymers. These are taken to mean polymers in which hydrocarbons radicals having at least 8, in particular at least 10, carbon atoms are bonded to a polymer backbone. These are preferably homopolymers whose alkyl side chains contain at least 8 and in particular at least 10 carbon atoms. In the case of copolymers, at least 20%, preferably at least 30%, of the monomers have side chains (cf. Comb-like Polymers-Structure and Properties; N.A. Platé and V.P. Shibaev, J. Polym. Sci. Macromolecular Revs. 1974, 8, 117 ff). Examples of suitable comb polymers are, for example, fumarate-vinyl acetate copolymers (cf. EP 0 153 176 A1), copolymers of a C_6 - C_{24} - α -olefin and an N- C_6 - C_{22} -alkylmaleimide (cf. EP 0 320 766), furthermore esterified olefin/maleic anhydride copolymers, polymers and copolymers of α -olefins and esterified copolymers of styrene and maleic anhydride.

[0096] Comb polymers can be described, for example, by the formula

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